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Hello La Crosse City Council Men and Women,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed reduction in the speed limit on Hwy B from 35mph to 25mph.

I am a resident of the neighborhood behind NorthWoods Elementary school. My children attend this school. I absolutely want them to be safe. As there are in other school areas, there is a school speed zone and that is to help keep the kids going to this school safe. If the rationale for the speed reduction is for this reason, I do not understand why we need to reduce the speed on this road beyond the school zone. If the concern is that drivers are not abiding by the reduced speed - 1) more enforcement of speed limits should be enacted, and 2) why would we presume drivers will abide by this lower speed limit if the argument is that they are not abiding by the current speed limit?

Speed limit restrictions are only effective if enforced. If the problem at hand is that drivers are going too fast on this road, then it is not logical to propose reducing the speed limit will improve safety.

This road is a very wide road with shoulders far bigger than almost any other road within the city of La Crosse as well as a center turn lane running almost the entire length. There is no parking on the road. Relative to other neighborhoods, there are relatively few driveways, and again anywhere there are driveways there is the center turn lane. It would be completely incorrect to compare this to a typical street in a neighborhood with cars parked on one (or both) sides and no center turn lane, so why would we make the speed limit the same on these 2 very different roads?

I've lived here since 2019 and there has been any degree of accidents disproportionate to other city roads, so the safety argument also seems unsound.

In summary, this road is FAR wider with much more substantial shoulders than any other city street, has a center turn lane nearly the entire length, and has far fewer driveways than any typical city street. Additionally, there has not been any higher rate of accidents nor more severe accidents on this road. Based on these things, there is really no objective reason to propose this speed limit reduction.

Thank you for considering my letter.

Sincerely,

Dan Sutton